

REMARKS

This Reply and Amendment is intended to be completely responsive to the non-final Office Action dated November 10, 2004. Claims 1-31 are pending in this Application. Claims 1-14 have been allowed. Claims 15, 22-25, 29 and 30 stand rejected. Claims 16-21, 26-28 and 31 are objected to but are indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 1, 5, 15, 20-21, 23, 28 and 31 have been amended.

Allowed/Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-14

In the Office Action the Examiner stated that "Claims 1-14 are allowed" subject to objections due to informalities in Claims 1 and 5.

The Applicants thank the Examiner for allowance of Claims 1-14 and have amended Claims 1 and 5 to address the objections raised by the Examiner. The amendments to Claims 1 and 5 are intended for clarity and are not believed to be narrowing amendments.

Claims 15-22

In the Office Action the Examiner also stated that Claims 18-21 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter. Dependent Claims 18-21 depend from base independent Claim 15. Claim 15 has been amended to include the subject matter recited in dependent Claim 20. Claim 15 has also been amended to recite subject matter that the Applicants believe is patentable over the cited reference (U.S. Patent No. 5,277,620 issued to Taylor ("Taylor")).

Dependent Claim 21 has been amended to address the objection identified by the Examiner.

The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of Independent Claim 15 (as amended) and dependent Claims 16-22 as they depend from Claim 15.

Claims 23-31

In the Office Action the Examiner also stated that Claims 26-28 and 31 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter. Dependent Claims 24-31 depend from base independent Claim 23. Claim 23 has been amended to recite a combination of subject matter that the Applicants believe is patentable over Taylor.

Dependent Claims 28 and 31 have been amended to address the objections identified by the Examiner.

The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of Independent Claim 23 (as amended) and dependent Claims 24-31 as they depend from Claim 23.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 15-17 and 22

In the Office Action the Examiner stated that Claims 15-17 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Taylor.

The Applicants have amended independent Claim 15 to recite a combination of subject matter, including “a receptacle strip movable between a first position internal to the body and a second position at least partially external to the body” that the Applicants believe is not disclosed, taught or suggested by Taylor.

The Applicants believe that Claims 15-22 are now in condition for allowance and respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of Claims 15-22.

Claims 23-25, 29 and 30

In the Office Action the Examiner stated that Claims 23-25, 29 and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Taylor.

The Applicants have amended independent Claim 23 to recite a combination of subject matter, including “a support structure at least partially stowable within the body and movable between a first position to support the body in a first orientation and a second position configured to permit placement of the body in a second orientation” that the Applicants believe is not disclosed, taught or suggested by Taylor.

The Applicants believe that Claims 23-31 are now in condition for allowance and respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of Claims 23-31.

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The Applicants respectfully submit that each and every outstanding objection and rejection to the pending claims has been overcome, and the Application is in condition for allowance. Claims 1-14 have previously been allowed. Claims 1, 5, 15, 20-21, 23, 28 and 31 have been amended. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of pending Claims 1-31.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present Application.

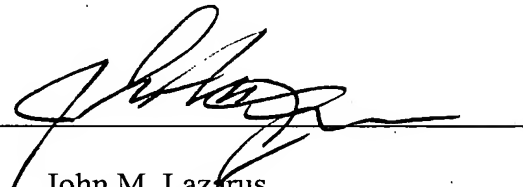
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, the Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorize payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

Respectfully submitted,

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